

Message

From: Lara, Rhina [Lara.Rhina@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/26/2021 5:21:49 PM
To: Nguyen, Thuy [Nguyen.Thuy@epa.gov]; Ozmen, Shamus [Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov]; Qian, Yaorong [qian.yaorong@epa.gov]; Nesci, Kimberly [Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov]
CC: Anderson, Neil [Anderson.Neil@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Follow up questions from Bay Journal

Thanks, Thuy! We'll take care of MDA.

Best,
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From: Nguyen, Thuy <Nguyen.Thuy@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:17 PM
To: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>; Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>; Qian, Yaorong <qian.yaorong@epa.gov>; Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>
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No I have not notified MDA nor Bayer of the error. I can send a revised report to Bayer
Thanks
Thuy

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Hi,

We have uploaded the revised report to the webpage: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/pfas-packaging>

Just checking to see if the lab has already notified MDA about the error in the report and sent the revision? If not, we can send a friendly message.

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Thanks

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Thank you,

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Yes please, it doesn't hurt to repeat that.
Thuy

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Thanks again Thuy.

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Please see my suggested changes below.

Thanks

Thuy

From: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
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Hi Thuy – Thank you for the edits.

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Resending

We really appreciate the all-hands on this one!

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I like it! Thanks, Yaorong and Thuy!

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I added a couple words in your definition, Rhina. See if you like it.

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Importance: High

Hi Thuy,

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Hi Rhina

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Importance: High

Hi Kimberly,

Just providing an update that I'm waiting on RD and OECA for answers to questions 5 and 6. I added in our contacts for FDA and USDA. Could you take a look to see if those are accurate?

I also made some edits on Thuy's responses. Thanks so much for adding those, Thuy!


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Subject: RE: Follow up questions from Bay Journal

Hi,

Here is the SharePoint file where we can start compiling answers. I tried to smooth out the questions below so we had an actual question without the extra details.

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Subject: RE: Follow up questions from Bay Journal

No word on deadline. Since the interview was Thursday can we aim for tomorrow AM?

Thank you,

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Cc: Qian, Yaorong <qian.yaorong@epa.gov>; Nguyen, Thuy <Nguyen.Thuy@epa.gov>; Anderson, Neil <Anderson.Neil@epa.gov>
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That would be helpful, Rhina. Thanks! Do we know more about Tim's deadline?

From: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
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To: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow up questions from Bay Journal

Hi Kimberly,

Just checking in on whether you'll need any assistance with answering the questions below. I can start a SharePoint document if that would be helpful.

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Cc: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow up questions from Bay Journal

Thanks! Both Thuy and Yaorong are out, so I'm hoping we have until Monday. Thanks so much!

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Thanks Kimberly for getting our experts on these questions quickly. These are very technical but Rhina and I can certainly help if any fine tuning/messaging is needed.

On Oct 15, 2021, at 8:20 AM, Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Tim. Tim W. captured the questions exactly as I recall them, which is great.

Thuy and Yaorong, see below – can you help address the highlighted questions below?

Ed, I added a note to you on PPLS (and a plug for OPPEL).

From: Carroll, Timothy <Carroll.Timothy@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 8:15 AM

To: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>; Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>

Cc: Scheifele, Hans <Scheifele.Hans@epa.gov>

Subject: Follow up questions from Bay Journal

Hi all,

Tim did come back with follow-ups from the call, mainly to check on pieces we couldn't answer in the moment. Hans, I know some folks are out today, but can you help get these started? Some of these fall to other programs, but if we could take a swing at these that would be helpful.

I will get Tim's hard deadline, but think we have a little time here. Will be back when I know!

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OK if we go on camera anyway so I can read Ed's body language?!? 😊

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Hi all, just wanted to share if I hadn't already that Tim will be dialing into this call, so no need to go on camera. Talk soon!

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Great! Thank you. See you at 4:00.

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Yes, I made that clear. If he goes in a more technical direction, we can always say that we will follow up offline if we're not able to answer on this call.

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Thanks, Tim. Is he aware that we won't have technical people on the call? Just making sure. Thanks.

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Yup.

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Hi all,

Very much appreciate everyone taking the time to talk through the interview tomorrow with Tim Wheeler. I've been in touch with Tim, and 4 PM tomorrow works for him.

Tim did push back on doing the call on background, but offered to run any statements or numbers by us for a fact-check before publishing, which I mentioned could be the case earlier.

Kimberly and Ed, would you be comfortable with this? Again, you are more than welcome to punt any questions you can't or don't want to answer to me during the call. Let me know if this is alright, and I will lock in our time tomorrow with Tim.

Thanks!

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